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SUN-CURED TOBACCO QUOTAS ARE ANNOUNCED

The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced the proclamation of marketing quotas on the 1956, 1957 and 1958 crops of Virginia sun-cured tobacco and set Thursday, December 29, 1955, as the date for the required referendum. The marketing quota determined for 1956 is 5,600,000 pounds. The quota for this year is 5,700,000 pounds. The announcements are in accordance with the laws relating to marketing quotas.

Marketing quotas will continue in effect only if approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum. In a referendum held November 22, 1952, a total of 2,034 of the 2,095 (97.1%) Virginia sun-cured tobacco growers voting favored marketing quotas on the 1953, 1954, and 1955 crops.

The quota of 5,600,000 pounds —converted to acres on the basis of the average yield during the five years 1950-54——results in a total 1956 acreage allotment of 5,539 acres. As in the past, a small acreage has been reserved for establishing allotments for new farms, and for adjusting allotments which local committees find to be inequitable. The allotments for most farms will be about the same in 1956 as in 1955. Notices of 1956 farm acreage allotments will be mailed to farm operators soon.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Garrett, of Spout Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Jo to Harlan Arthurs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Arthurs, of Buena Vista. The marriage will take place Dec. 24th. The couple will make their home in Buena Vista, Va.

Abbitt Speaks on Farm

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culture Committee, said industrial prosperity and American is unquestioned ed that "business prospe flourish long surrounde cultural distress."

He issued this warning segments of the American "Business and professio cannot 'shrug off' the farm lems if they value their perity.

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ORANGES 5 lb. bag 33c
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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

hen I went in to purchase an er or so of Christmas music for ll-type high fidelity record I took it for granted that I pick up something like "Jingle ," "Silent Night, "O Little of Bethlehem," and the many el carols of the season. But how it is during the holirush, and when you finally work way up to the counter and have ers showing you, you have to a quick decision and just do best you can.

thing that influenced my decision was that the album by The Mariners—a quartet I often heard with pleasure on The album was called "Christ-Bound the World," and so when home and we sat down to listen e holiday music, here is what .....

over Was A Child So Lovely." s a carol from the Southern Appalachian Mountains, collected by Jacob Niles in Seatonsville, Kentucky. The next number was "Pilgrims" and that is a Mexican carol describing the nine-day ey of Joseph and Mary and ing that in some parts of the d today, there is a holiday perof nine days spent in journeying house to house at the Christmas season. And then, the next carol album comes from the thirteenth century. It is a lovely chorus orchestrated by Robert Mann, and is from Central ope. It is called, "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming." And back to U. S. A. for a spiritual for chorus, entitled, "Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow."

d then, the album has a carol e learned to love. It is called, ra Torch." It tells about the French custom of arousing children their sleep for midnight ass and lighting torches to the way to chiffes and find Christmas message. It is a wonding, and I play it over and The album has a Christmas from Czecho-Slovakia, called Night Carol." And then back American folk songs for "I My Face in a Golden Vase," came from Letcher County, ky and you can feel the kinship with the early English ballads ery centuries ago. From the ands, there is a carol called, Angels and the Shepherds. It of the Angels first calling the ds and in the second verse shepherds bid the Angels to sing of the good tidings.

from Hardin County, Kentucky comes yet another folk carol, the rural concept of Christ— Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Child not from Scotland, but familiar called "The Bagpipe Carol." It is a true pastorale immortal Handel used its ms in the area, "He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd." of the Italian music is Fred then for a final number this series, The Mariners sing Christmas spiritual, "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

ps it is that we are enjoying delightful Christmas music. ot be never complete without the music, Round the World, the is ever new, and ever worth ing.

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Almond To Address Mass Meeting Monday

SPEAKS HERE MONDAY

Attorney-General J. Lindsey Almond

Plans are being made for an overflow crowd here next Monday night, when Attorney - General J. Lindsey Almond will be the speaker at a mass meeting at the Appomattox High School auditorium. He will discuss the issues at stake in the special election to be held in Virginia on January 9, 1956, when voters will decide on whether or not to call a State Constitutional Convention to amend Section 141 of the state's Constitution so as to legally prevent forced integration of the races in schools.

The mass meeting is scheduled for 7:45 P. M. Several meetings have been held this week to plan for this gathering.

Mr. Almond is widely recognized as one of the most gifted orators in the Old Dominion. As Attorney-General he has been in the midst of the integration issue, and is a leader in the effort to maintain the schools as they have operated in the past. He is expected to discuss the recent report of the Gray School Commission, and the details of the program of the State Administration in event a Constitutional Convention is ordered by the voters.

It is understood that arrangements are being to accomodate the anticipated overflow crowd, by setting up a loud speaker system to carry Mr. Almond's address to the high school cafeteria room.

Every citizen of the county is invited to attend the mass meeting on Monday night. A committee headed by State Senator Chas. T. Moses is directing the plans of those who favor the Gray Commission report, and is active in seeing to it that Appomattox County has a full vote turn-out on January 9.

Harrison To Head Local Monroe Lodge

At a Stated Communication of Monroe Lodge No. 301, A. F. & A. M., held at Appomattox on December 12, the following were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year:

John L. Harrison, Worshipful Master
J. R. Megginson, Senior Warden
J. E. Beamer, Junior Warden
J. H. Lucado, Treasurer
J. C. Hudgins, Secretary
R. M. McCrickard, Senior Deacon
R. L. Bumgarder, Junior Deacon
W. D. Conner, Chaplain
H. P. Hamilton, Tiler
E. R. Carter, Senior Steward
R. B. Haley, Junior Steward
C. W. Smith, Marshal
F. C. Smith, Reporter.
Fred C. Smith retired as Worshipful Master.

LIONS CLUB FRUITCAKES ARE STILL ON SALE

The Lions Club announces that it still has fruit cakes available, and invites the public to contact any member of the club to purchase a cake for Christmas. This has been a fund-raising project of the club.

Pale And Slick Tobacco Ruled Out of Support

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today that in its price-support program for 1956-crop flue-cured tobacco it plans to discount any "pale and slick" tobaccos that may be offered for loan. The proposed action is being announced at this time, in advance of announcement of the 1956 price support program for flue-cured tobacco, in order to forwarn growers who will soon be purchasing seed, planting seed beds, signing tenant agreements, and making other preparations for their 1956 crop.

The discount proposed for "pale and slick" tobaccos under the 1956 price-support program for flue-cured tobacco would be such as to set the loan rate for tobaccos with these characteristics at a level reflecting their relative value in the market. Currently the market value of "pale and slick" flue-cured tobacco is 20% or more below that for similar qualities free of these undesirable characteristics.

Department officials stated that the need for the proposed action arises from the fact that the quantity of "pale and slick" tobacco entering flue-cured markets rose significantly with the 1955 crop. Prior to this year the quantity entering the market was not appreciable, and the quantity entering CCC loan stocks was not sufficient to warrant segregation from other stocks.

MARCH OF DIMES

The nineteenth annual March of Dimes will get underway January 2, 1956, in Virginia with a "Kick-off" event sponsored by the American Legion, it was announced today.

"Boots" LeGrand will head the March of Dimes drive in Appomattox County.

During the day, January 2, American Legionnaires throughout the state will make a door-to-door collection of discarded Christmas trees which will be transported by truck to a central location where a fire hazard will not be created, and piled for burning shortly after dark that evening.

In many areas of the state, the American Legion Auxiliary is planning to set up snack-bars selling hot dogs and coffee to the crowds attracted by the huge fires. In other areas teen-agers will sell peanuts and conduct other fund-raising activities around the bonfires. Auctions, band concerts and community singing are are also planned for some areas.

The door-to-door collection of the trees is not to be confused with door-to-door solicitation of funds, a spokesman for the March of Dimes stated. He went on to point out that the Mothers' March which comes on the last night of January is the only door-to-door solicitation made by the March of Dimes.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT APPOMATTOX H. S.

The Junior Class of Appomattox High School will hold their annual Christmas Pageant, "The Light of the World," on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The public is cordially invited to attend this Christmas program, in which more than 80 young people are participating.

TUESDAY DEADLINE FOR LEGION TOY COLLECTION

The local American Legion has set next Tuesday, Dec. 20, as the date for collecting Christmas toys. Boxes have been available in a number of stores and business places, and the public has been asked to donate used or new toys to be given to needy children at Christmas. This request is repeated, and all such toys must be placed in the boxes by next Tuesday. The Legion will repair and distribute the toys in time for Santa's visit.

Santa Here Dec. 16, 17

It is understood that the annual visit of Santa Calus to Appomattox usually sponsored by the Lions Club will not be held this year. However Santa Claus will be in Appomattox four days between now and Christmas. It has been announced that Santa will be at Simpson's Food Market December 16 and 17, and again on December 22 and 23.

EASTERN STAR TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY NIGHT

The Appomattox Chapter, Order of Eastern Star will meet Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in the Masonic Hall. This meeting will be in the form of a Christmas party.

Rush Orders For Seedlings

Word has been received from the State Foerster's Office in Charlottesville that pine seedlings are now being lifted at the New Kent Nursery and are available for distribution to landowners. It is anticipated that the nursery will produce 20 million seedlings for this planting season.

A good many landowners in Appomattox County have already ordered their loblolly pine seedlings. It should be remembered that last year the supply of seedlings was exhausted six weeks before the end of the normal planting season. From all indications this is likely to happen again this year, and landowners are urged to rush orders.

There is a wonderful opportunity for those landowners wishing to plant trees. Under the Governor's "Plant More Trees Program," R. S. Burrus is giving away free seedlings on a matching basis. If the owner buys 1,000 seedlings, R. S. Burrus will give him 1,000 free seedlings. Then, if the landowner will check with the local A. S. C. Office in Appomattox, he can get information on financial assistance for carrying out a tree planting program. Actually, you are being paid to plant pine seedlings on your own property in your spare time. If the owner is unable to plant the trees himself, he is in position to hire someone to plant the trees at no cost to himself.

Landowners are urged to do their part to stabalize the economy of Appomattox County by planting trees on cut-over lands, unproductive acres and acres that have been abandoned. Only by making every acre of land produce to its maximum that crop it is best suited to grow, can a landowner realize his greatest cash return from his investment. Loblolly pine seedlings should be ordered at once. Applications for seedlings can be obtained from the County Agent's office, Soil Conservation Service office, or from the District Forester, Box 386, Farmville, Va.

LIONS CLUB TONIGHT

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight at 6:45, at Maud's Hot Shop.

Appomattox Over Top In Bond Sales

Appomattox County has "gone over the top" on its quota for 1955 in the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds, it was announced today from state headquarters in Richmond. Sales at this report were $101,026.30, as against a 1955 quota for Appomattox County of $100,000.

Judge J. W. Flood, chairman for U. S. Savings Bond sales in the county had announced a few weeks ago that Appomattox was running behind the rate necessary to meet the year's quota. However, a big sales month in November resulted in $25,062.50 being invested in savings bond, and gave the county 101% of its quota. Sales through December 22 will count on the 1955 record.

A complete report for the 1955 sales will be issued in early January and the public is urged to continue to invest in the U. S. bonds.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL P.-T. A. TO MEET

The Appomattox Elementary School P.-T. A. will meet tonight in the Elementary School Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. Pupils under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Currorke will present a Christmas pageant. All parents are urged to be present.

APPOMATTOX 4-H CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

Appomattox 4-H Club officers and committee chairmen met last Saturday morning at 9:30, at the court house.

Mrs. Mary L. Thompson, from V. P. I., gave a demonstration on milk products, and then explained how one must give a demonstration.

Immediately following the demonstration, officers and committee chairmen went to various groups for meetings. As the club project for 1956, the county clubs will take the electric project. Those on this committee are Shawn Mabley, Winifred Lee, Billy Carson and Gene Carson.

County Council officers for 1956 were elected. They are:

President, Mary Anna McDearmon
Vice-pres., Betty Jane Alvis
Secretary, Jane Carol Conner
Treasurer, Gene Carson
Reporter, Winifred Lee
Song leaders: Cary Ann Carson and Gerald Leffers.

Boy Scouts Sell Christmas Trees as Project

The Appomattox Troop of Boy Scouts will sell Christmas trees again this year as a Troop project. They will be on display and sale beginning this Saturday in front of the Appomattox Frozen Food Locker.

The public is invited to support this Scout project.

LOCAL STUDENTS WITH COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

The Madison College Glee Club, assisted by the V. M. I. Glee Club, presented its Annual Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 11, at 4 P. M., in Harrisonburg, Va.

The Misses Kathryn Burkey and Shirley Walton, of Appomattox, are members of the Madison College Glee Club.

SUNSHINE CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sunshine class of Trinity Church is having its annual Christmas party at the Stonewall Community Center Saturday night, Dec. 17, beginning at 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

WOODMAN NEWS

The Supreme Forest Circle, Robert E. Lee Grove 73, will have its Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:30, in the home of Mrs. Addie Ould. All members bring a Pollyanna gift.

Leaf Markets Close Today For Holidays

Dark-fired tobacco markets will close for the Christmas holidays after sales of today, Thursday. The market will have completed three weeks of pre-holiday sales.

Sales volume has been running fairly high all this week at warehouses. A further strengthening of season's price averages may result, as growers have brought better quality leaf to market. Sales were light last week, with the season's price average at $30.54.

The markets will be re-opened after New Year's Day.

Gross sales at all markets last week amounted to 801,454 pounds at an average of $33.10 per hundred. This was a 90 cent gain in average over the first week. The season's sales through Dec. 8 were 1,840,534 pounds.

TO VOTE ON QUOTAS FOR SUN-CURED TOBACCO

As the 1955 sun-cured tobacco crop moves to market, the sixth straight crop produced under marketing quotas, growers will decide whether they want a quota program for another three years.

The occasion is a referendum to be conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on Thursday, Dec. 29, when Virginia farmers vote on the question of marketing quotas on sun-cured tobacco for the crops to be produced in 1956, 1957, and 1958. Two-thirds of the votes cast must favor quotas to keep the program in effect.

On Nov. 30, as required by law, the Secretary of Agriculture announced a quota of 5,600,000 pounds for the 1956 crop of sun-cured tobacco which, on the basis of 1950-54 yields, results in a total acreage allotment of 5,539 acres. All of this allotment goes to Virginia, the only state producing this type of tobacco.

If quotas are voted in, growers complying with their farm acreage allotments and other features of the marketing quota program will get price support according to grade. Tobacco is graded by government graders on the auction floor at sale time.

Polls will be open from 8:00 A. M. until 6:00 P. M. on Dec. 29. Any person who had an interest in a 1955 Virginia sun-cured tobacco crop as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper is eligible to vote.

Allotment notices will be mailed to farm operators prior to the referendum. Voting places for Appomattox County will be:

Stonewall District, Oakville voting precinct; Clover Hill District, at Old Court House; Southside District, ASC Office at Appomattox.

A. H. S. WON OVER BUCKINGHAM CENTRAL

Paced by Robert "Boots" Carter, the Appomattox High School Blue Hornets basketball team won over Buckingham Central H. S. here last Wednesday night. The final score was 44 to 27. Carter was top scorer with 18 points, followed by Bradley Babcock with 8 and Dick Holderman with 8.

A. H. S. girls also won over the Buckingham girls.

Calls For Facts On January 9 Referendum

The following statement was issued yesterday by Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster, Director, and Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, Co-ordinator, of the State Referendum Information Center:

"The proposals of the Gray Commission are not designed to undermine the public schools. These proposals are designed to provide ways and means of offering some educational opportunities to white and colored pupils in those sections of the state that will be, for a time, without such opportunities unless these proposals are enacted into law. The first step in this direction is a favorable vote on the proposed amendment to Section 141 of the Constitution on January 9, 1956.

"We will make every effort to provide the people of Virginia with full information about the far-reaching decision that must be made on January 9th.

"Our first job is to correct certain erroneous impressions that have been created by well-intentioned but misinformed persons. It is our hope that no responsible leader from this time on will attempt to influence any segment of the people of Virginia against the proposed amendment without first taking the trouble to familiarize himself with the facts. Theer has been entirely too much criticism based on misinformation and a lack of information. Principal among these is the charge that the adoption of the amendment will lead to public support of sectarian schools. There is absolutely no basis for such allegations. The amendment itself will prohibit financial aid to setarian schools and the General Assembly would have no power to change this. In addition, other sections of the Constitution of Virginia and the Constitution of the U. S. prohibit public support either directly or indirectly of sectarian institutions so that this question is not in issue. The calling of a Constitutional Convention and the able vote for same will mean that the public schools of Virginia will continue to function and that our children will be afforded educational opportunities."

Abbitt further stated "The issue is very plain and simple. Everyone can understand it, I am sure. Simply stated it is, 'Shall we continue to have separate school or shall we have mixed schools?' In my opinion, a vote against the Constitutional Convention is a vote for mixed schools or no schools. A vote for the Convention will be a vote for continuing educational opportunities for children throughout Vir-

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